

Appl. No. 10/518,831
Amdt. dated June 19, 2006
Reply to Advisory Action of May 26, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-18 remain in this application. Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

In the Advisory Action mailed May 26, 2006, the Examiner indicated that Claims 11-18 were allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges allowance of these claims.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent no. 5,607,229 to Rykowski et al. Claim 3 was objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. In response, Claims 1-10 are canceled, without prejudice. Applicants may pursue these or similar claims in a divisional application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

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